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OR TRIAL.

Rev. G. W. James Before His Accusers.

On account of the great favor with which Professor or Rev. G. W. James' teachings on "Social Purity" were received by large numbers of Fresno people, a meeting is being maintained in the city, the purpose of which is to bring before the public the charges against him.

The trial was commenced on Tuesday morning, the charges against James being read in full, and the jury was sworn.

James, who is a native of England, is a man of about 40 years of age, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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An Immense Crowd Attended, and Buying is Spirited.

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Excursion trains were run from this city, and in addition to a large number of people, there were many from the stations north and south, even as far away as San Francisco. In all there were upwards of 500 people gathered around the auctioneer's stand.

The bidding was very spirited, and there were some twenty-five or thirty lots sold at prices ranging from \$100 to \$200 each.

The total amount of the sales was between \$200 and \$300, and a few days ago the town of Reedley was a prohibition town and many, it is claimed, settled there on that account.

Reedley, it is said, is a very quiet town, and the people are very much attached to the place. The Southern Pacific railroad company objected to this part of the deeds, and finally, by threats of moving the depot, made Mr. Reedley give up the town.

The citizens are highly indignant at the interference of the railroad people, and there seems to be no help for them.

Artisan Wells.

The great difficulty in farming on what is known as the West Side of Fresno county has been to secure water.

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Several irrigation attempts have been made to sink artesian wells on the West Side, and the idea that it was possible to strike artesian water has been abandoned.

This will all be changed now, for William Johns, an Alameda capitalist, who owns a large tract of land near the Liberty settlement, is the owner of a fine artesian well.

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